

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
COMMERCE**

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 26, 2007 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Katie Butcher for Christie Messer, Committee
Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Subjects Addressed: FWP, Department of Livestock DPs
Executive Action: Technical Change on earlier vote
on FWP DP 407

Fish Wildlife and Parks

00:00:17 Barb Smith
00:02:07 Sen. Tropila
00:02:11 Ms. Smith

00:02:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved **TO ADOPT DP 407 TO TAKE FUNDS FROM FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS GENERAL LICENSE ACCOUNT CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF SB 115.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:03:20 Rep. Ripley
00:04:13 George Harris, Administrator of Centralized Services Division of Department of Livestock-introduced several staff members in attendance, then commenced general overview of Department of Livestock (DOL) 2007 HB2 DPs.
00:25:33 Rep. Ripley
00:25:57 Mr. Harris
00:26:40 Rep. Ripley
00:26:45 Mr. Harris
00:26:48 Rep. Musgrove
00:27:08 Sen. Tropila
00:28:34 Mr. Harris
00:28:37 Rep. Ripley
00:28:45 Bill Hedstrom, Chairman, Board of Livestock
00:29:38 Rep. Ripley
00:29:45 Mr. Hedstrom
00:31:00 Rep. Musgrove
00:31:37 Mr. Harris

DP 1005-Predator Control Authority Increase

00:33:56 Mr. Harris
00:34:11 Rep. Ripley
00:34:15 Mr. Harris
00:35:05 Rep. Ripley

DP 1006-Department-wide IT Equipment Replacement RST

00:35:53 Mr. Harris

DP 1007-Board of Livestock-Per Diem

00:36:41 Mr. Harris
00:36:47 Rep. Ripley
00:37:07 Mr. Harris

DP 1009-Information Technology-Oracle Training

00:37:53 Mr. Harris

DP 1037-Board of Milk Control-Legal Fees

00:39:06 Mr. Harris
00:39:33 Rep. Witte
00:39:45 Mr. Harris
00:40:19 Sen. Tash
00:40:31 Mr. Harris
00:40:42 Sen. Tash
00:40:57 Mr. Harris
00:41:24 Rep. Ripley
00:41:27 Mr. Harris

DP 1038-Board of Milk Control-Per Diem

00:42:24 Mr. Harris
00:42:26 Rep. Witte
00:42:57 Mr. Harris
00:44:21 Rep. Ripley
00:44:24 Mr. Hedstrom
00:45:46 Rep. Witte
00:46:00 Mr. Hedstrom
00:46:04 Rep. Witte
00:46:39 Mr. Hedstrom
00:46:56 Rep. Ripley
00:47:21 Mr. Hedstrom
00:47:41 Rep. Ripley
00:47:47 Mr. Hedstrom
00:48:56 Sen. Tash
00:49:52 Mr. Hedstrom
00:50:07 Sen. Tash
00:50:11 Mr. Hedstrom
00:50:13 Rep. Musgrove

00:51:02 Mr. Hedstrom
00:51:09 Rep. Musgrove
00:51:12 Rep. Witte
00:51:50 Pam Joehler
00:52:40 Rep. Witte
00:52:54 Rep. Ripley
00:53:10 Mr. Hedstrom
00:54:16 Rep. Ripley
00:54:37 Mr. Hedstrom
00:55:37 Sen. Tash
00:56:10 Mr. Harris
00:57:07 Rep. Ripley
00:57:32 Mr. Harris

DP 1078 Board of Horse Racing Per Diem
DP 1079 Board of Horse Racing Rent
DP 1080 Board of Horse Racing Support

00:58:26 Sam Murfitt, Executive Secretary, Board of Horse
Racing
01:03:21 Rep. Witte
01:03:48 Mr. Murfitt
01:04:24 Rep. Witte
01:04:34 Sen. Tropila
01:04:54 Mr. Murfitt
01:09:24 Rep. Witte
01:09:46 Mr. Murfitt
01:10:52 Rep. Ripley
01:11:01 Mr. Murfitt
01:11:54 Rep. Ripley
01:12:01 Mr. Harris
01:13:53 Rep. Ripley
01:13:58 Mr. Harris
01:14:49 Mr. Murfitt
01:15:24 Rep. Ripley
01:15:43 Mr. Murfitt
01:17:58 Sen. Tropila
01:18:07 Mr. Murfitt
01:20:58 Rep. Witte
01:21:20 Mr. Murfitt
01:21:24 Rep. Witte
01:22:13 Mr. Murfitt
01:22:18 Rep. Witte
01:22:46 Mr. Murfitt

Public Testimony

01:24:33 Mr. Hedstrom, proponent, DP 1078, DP 1079, DP 1080

01:25:38 Dale Mallum, proponent, DP 1078, DP 1079, DP 1080

EXHIBIT (jnh18a01)

EXHIBIT (jnh18a02)

01:37:15 Rep. Musgrove

01:37:31 Mr. Mallum

01:38:02 Sen. Tash

01:38:20 Mr. Mallum

01:39:44 Rep. Witte

01:40:24 Mr. Mallum

01:40:29 Rep. Witte

01:40:36 Sherry Meador, Member of Save the Track Foundation,
proponent, DP 1078, DP 1079, DP 1080

01:42:18 Scot Meader, Manager of the Western Montana Fair,
proponent, DP 1078, DP 1079, 1080

01:48:00 Break

02:00:29 Reconvene

DP 3007-Diagnostic Lab Equipment

02:06:42 Mr. Harris

EXHIBIT (jnh18a03)

DP 3009-Lab Recharges

02:00:39 Mr. Harris

02:07:51 Sen. Tash

02:07:55 Mr. Harris

02:07:58 Rep. Ripley

02:08:42 Mr. Harris

02:08:56 Rep. Musgrove

02:09:20 Rep. Ripley

02:09:34 Mr. Harris

02:09:50 Pam Joehler

02:10:25 Mr. Harris

DP 3010-Lab Overtime

02:11:12 Mr. Harris

DP 3001-Diagnostic Lab General Fund Increase

02:12:21 Mr. Harris

DP 3008-Diagnostic Lab PCR Technology OTO

02:12:41 Mr. Harris
02:14:12 Dr. Layton, Administrator of State Diagnostic Lab
02:20:07 Rep. Musgrove
02:20:30 Dr. Layton
02:23:07 Rep. Ripley
02:23:42 Dr. Layton
02:27:55 Rep. Witte
02:28:13 Dr. Layton
02:29:36 Rep. Witte
02:29:43 Dr. Layton
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02:39:02 Rep. Ripley
02:39:12 Dr. Layton
02:39:16 Rep. Witte
02:39:55 Ms. Joehler
02:40:19 Rep. Witte

02:40:38 Mr. Harris-general overview of Animal Health Division

DP 4003-Animal Health Division Vehicle Replacement RST/OTO

02:44:05 Mr. Harris

DP 4004-Federal Funding-Bison

02:44:25 Mr. Harris

DP 4005-Out-of-State Travel

02:45:41 Mr. Harris

02:46:09 Rep. Ripley
02:46:40 Dr. Jeanne Rankin, Acting State Veterinarian
02:47:41 Rep. Ripley
02:48:04 Dr. Rankin

EXHIBIT (jnh18a04)

02:49:53 Rep. Musgrove
02:50:00 Dr. Rankin
02:50:24 Rep. Witte
02:50:46 Dr. Rankin
02:51:10 Rep. Witte
02:51:17 Rep. Ripley
02:51:37 Mr. Hedstrom
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02:55:02 Sen. Tash
02:55:59 Mr. Hedstrom
02:57:39 Dr. Rankin
03:00:41 Rep. Witte
03:00:55 Dr. Rankin
03:01:33 Sen. Tash
03:02:25 Sen. Tropila
03:04:48 Dr. Rankin

03:05:24 Mr. Harris, Overview of Milk and Egg Program

DP 5004-Milk and Egg Bureau Vehicle Replacement RST/OTO

03:06:47 Mr. Harris

DP 5005-Milk and Egg Out-of-State Travel

03:07:14 Mr. Harris
03:08:02 Rep. Ripley
03:08:06 Mr. Harris
03:08:09 Rep. Ripley
03:09:12 Mr. Harris

03:09:25 Mr. Harris, Overview of Brand Enforcement Division

DP 6002- Brand Division Vehicle Replacement RST/OTO

03:10:58 Mr. Harris

DP 6003-Overtime-Brand Enforcement Division

03:11:37 Mr. Harris

03:12:23 Rep. Ripley

03:13:04 John Granger, Brand Enforcement Division

03:13:26 Sen. Tash

03:13:35 Mr. Granger

03:14:07 Sen. Tash

03:14:12 Mr. Granger

EXHIBIT (jnh18a05)

03:15:15 Mr. Harris, Overview of Meat/Poultry Inspection Program

03:21:05 Rep. Musgrove

DP 1009-Meat Inspection Funding Shortfall

03:19:28 Mr. Harris

DP 1010-Meat Plant Inspector RST

03:21:26 Carol Olmstead, Bureau Chief, DOL Meat and Poultry
Inspection Bureau

03:23:13 Mr. Harris

DP 1011-FAIM Computer Maintenance Contract

03:24:03 Mr. Harris

03:24:06 Rep. Ripley

03:24:51 Mr. Harris

03:24:54 Eileen Rose, OBPP

03:25:17 Sen. Tash

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03:34:12 Les Graham, Oxnard Foundation and Farm Bureau

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ADJOURNMENT

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REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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